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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al (US 5944405).

Takeuchi discloses a liquid crystal display (LCD); comprising: a liquid crystal display panel 6; and a back light module comprising: a reflector 2 disposed on the exterior; at least a light source disposed over the reflector; a diffusion plate 8 disposed on the reflector and over the light source, wherein the thickness of the diffusion plate is between 1-10 mm (overlapping Applicant's range of 4.1-15 mm); optical films comprising at least a lens sheet disposed on the diffusion plate, layers within the liquid crystal display panel.

It is noted that overlapping ranges have been held as at least obvious. Further, Takeuchi discloses the diffusion plate having a particular thickness such as 1-10 mm (overlapping Applicant's range of 4.1-15 mm) for achieving advantages preventing distortion (see at least col. 7, lines 22-25). Therefore, it would have been at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ a diffusion plate having a particular thickness such as 1-10 mm (overlapping Applicant's range of 4.1-15 mm), as has been held as at least obvious, and for achieving advantages preventing distortion.

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Takeuchi discloses other supporting layers between the reflector and the diffusion plate such as layer 1. Further, it would have been at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ a supporting means such as a frame, as common and known in the art, for advantages such as mechanically securing (i.e., mechanically supporting) a backlight module.

Takeuchi discloses the light source comprising at least a tube. Further, others such as LEDs are common and extremely well known in the lighting technology.

The use of other optical films such as brightness enhancement films (BEFs), prism films is common and known in the art for achieving advantages such as brighter display device. Therefore, it would have at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ optical films such as brightness enhancement films (BEFs), as common and known in the art, for achieving advantages such as brighter display device.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2303.

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